

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



JOHN K. LINDSEY
Commissioner

WILLIAM C. TUCKER
Commissioner

ROGER NYQUIST
Commissioner

Linn County Courthouse
P.O. Box 100, Albany, Oregon 97321
(541) 967-3825 FAX: (541) 926-8228

RALPH E. WYATT
Administrative Officer

August 19, 2015

Governor Kate Brown
160 State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem OR 97301-4047

Office of Emergency Management
Andrew Phelps, Director
PO Box 14370
Salem OR 97309

RE: Linn County Drought Declaration of Emergency

Dear Governor Brown:

Attached is Linn County's Drought Declaration.

We respectfully request that you approve this Declaration as we believe it is in the public's best interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger Nyquist".

Roger Nyquist, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William C. Tucker".

William C. Tucker, Commissioner

c: Michael Mattick, Linn County Watermaster

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR LINN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTING THE
GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A DROUGHT
EMERGENCY FOR LINN COUNTY

RESOLUTION &
ORDER NO. 2015-308
(Declaration of Emergency)

COMES NOW, in a regularly scheduled and duly advertised meeting on August 19, 2015 the Board of Commissioners for Linn County (Board) request that the Oregon State Governor declare a drought emergency in Linn County;

WHEREAS, Annual streamflows and precipitation in Linn County from snow pack and rain fall are insufficient to fully support traditional agricultural operations in Linn County;

WHEREAS, The Oregon Water Resources Department may exercise emergency water rights authority following the Governor's drought declaration to help Linn County cope with low streamflows;

WHEREAS, The Board finds that appropriate response is beyond the capability of Linn County because Linn County does not have the same authority as the Oregon Water Resources Department for addressing water rights which is the only remedy for this drought emergency; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a local drought emergency is declared within Linn County;

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ORS 401.032(2) the Board declares that the emergency and appropriate response is beyond the capability of Linn County;

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ORS 401.165 the Board declares a state of emergency for the purpose of protecting the local economy through the Oregon Water Resources Department's authorizes to mitigate impacts of drought conditions which result in low streamflows in Linn County;

///



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27

RESOLVED, That the Board requests that pursuant to ORS 401.165 the Governor declare an emergency so that State assistance may be immediately released.

Resolved this 19th day of August, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
LINN COUNTY

AYE NO
[Signature] 2

Roger Nyquist, Chairman

OPPOSED

John K. Lindsey, Commissioner
[Signature] X

William C. Tucker, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

[Signature]

Ralph E. Wyatt
County Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]

Eugene J. Karandy II
County Attorney

